

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to explicitly indicate that the recited blocking layer prevents conduction and movement of any charge (*i.e.*, encompassing both positive and negative charges) into the electroluminescent layer. Representative support may be found in paragraph [0004] of the published application, where it is stated that “[i]n accordance with the present invention a layer of ink is patterned as a blocking layer between two OLED layers. The ink reduces or prevents conduction, *i.e.* movement of charge...”

1. Advisory Action

In the Advisory Action mailed on April 27, 2009, the Examiner asserts that claim 1 “does not specify that the required layer blocks all charges or that it blocks both negative and positive charges.”

Applicants believe that the language of claim 1 as recited in the previously filed response unambiguously indicates that all charges (*i.e.*, both positive and negative) are blocked by the blocking layer by the words “prevents conduction and movement of charge into the electroluminescent layer”. However, to expedite prosecution of the subject application, Applicants have amended claim 1 to state that the blocking layer “prevents conduction and movement of any charge”. Applicants respectfully submit that no prohibited new matter has been introduced by this amendment, which merely explicitly states features of the invention which were already considered to be present in the claims.

Applicants submit that the claims as amended are distinguishable over the rejections of record for at least the reasons submitted in the previously filed response of April 17, 2009. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

2. Conclusion

The foregoing amendments and remarks are being made to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and timely allowance of the pending claims. Should an interview be helpful to further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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